

REMARKS

Now, only claims 5, 6, 13 and 14, which were allowed in the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, are pending in the application. All rejected claims 1-4, and 7-12 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner still finds any concerns left with respect to the pending claims, please telephone the undersigned at 510-663-1100, ext. 245.

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